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56th Traffic Fatality In El Paso

EL PASO, Texas — Date: 10/31/2021

Time: 05:36 am

Location: 7700 Gateway East, El Paso, Texas

Vehicle #1: 2013 Kia Forte

Driver: Jose Dolores Rodriguez 21 years of age, Eastside El Paso Resident
(Deceased)

Passenger: Michell Leyva-Escandon 21 years of age, Socorro Resident

EL PASO, Texas — This morning, officers with the Special Traffic Investigations Unit were called out to investigate a traffic fatality. The Officers investigation revealed Rodriguez was driving east on the Gateway at a high rate of speed. Rodriguez approached two other vehicles that were also traveling in the same direction. Rodriguez weaved his Kia between both cars; however, he lost control of the car, spinning out hitting a landscape tree to a property off the Gateway. Rodriguez expired at the scene, and his passenger Escandon was transported to Del Sol hospital with serious injuries. This fatality is the 56th fatality this year as compared to 63 this same time last year.



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